



BRICKS n PIECES magazine

Count Batlord
& Hubble Bubble
are here!

Cast a spell with
this cool NEW range

Beware of
Baron Blomberg
and the evil
Time Twisters

- NEW mean guys on the
look-out for trouble!

Do dragons
REALLY exist?

Find out in our feature special
- plus create your own
Origami dragon

More winning
Master Builder
models inside!

PLUS!

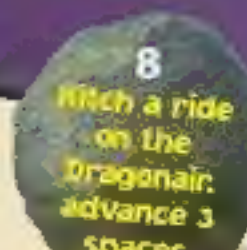
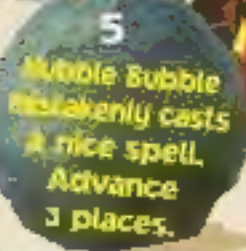
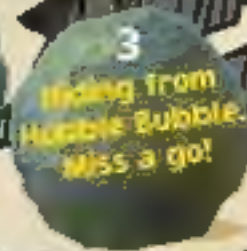
Look out for more
great surprises from
LEGO later this year
- read about it all
in this issue

LEGO

Castle

HUBBLE BUBBLE BATS AND TROUBLE

START



Here's a spellbinding game based on our new Count Batford and Hubble Bubble sets!

Can you be first to reach Count Batford's Kingdom and learn Hubble Bubble's secret spells?

You are challenged to undertake the dangerous journey along narrow mountain paths to reach the pair's magical realm!

Two or more people can play and you'll need a dice and different coloured counters or LEGO bricks to move from rock to rock along the path.

Choose who goes first by throwing the dice - highest score is first, then second highest and so on.

Take turns to throw the dice and move your counter forward by the number you have thrown.

Landing on some rocks will help you: hitch a ride on Count Batford's dragon when he's not looking, or discover a secret passage to take you ahead.

But Hubble Bubble and Count Batford guard their secret spells jealously, and they will do their best to stop you getting through! There are also trap doors and dragon attacks to beware of!

And what secrets lie inside the gates of Count Batford's Kingdom? That's up to you and your imagination to discover!

Good luck in your magic quest!

GRAARGH!!



HEEELP!

HA
HA
HAA!



Flip N' Build
your own
LEGO® Castle

Step 1

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rotating
wall. Throw
again!

Discover
a secret
passage.
Go to 18!

Hit by
falling
boulder.
Miss a go!

Discover
secret
passage
to 27!

Fall through
hidden trap
door. Go back
2 spaces!

Imprisoned
by Count
Batford.
Miss a go!

Hitch a ride
on Batford's
dragon. Get
off at 31!

Rotating
wall gets
stuck. Go back
to 18

Narrow cliff-
top slows you
down.
Miss a go!

Accidentally
wake bats!
Back 2
spaces!

Caught in
evil spell. Go
back to 28!

Congratulations!
You have made it
safely to Count
Batford's
Kingdom!

HA
HA
HAA!

SCREEAM!

SCREEAM!

GAAARGH!!

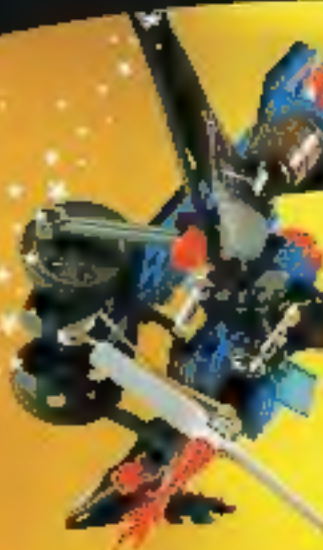


Hey kids, here are a bunch of scary new LEGO sets designed to take your imagination to the outer limits!

You already know about our wacky Time Cruisers, scooting through space and time on the lookout for adventure...now they've got to beware of crooked Time Twisters, Commodore Schmidt and Baron Blomberg!

These no-good creeps are always up to dirty deeds to put the Time Cruisers in a spin!

Woooooah!



Commodore Schmidt's Flying Spook (60496) is a speedy turbo plane crewed by ghosts and skeletons who pop up as the craft moves along! The Spook is piloted by the crazy Commodore himself!

Guaranteed to get would-be time travellers into a flap are Baron Blomberg and his bat plane (60495). With its flapping wings and spinning propeller, this is a machine not to be meddled with!

Biggest and scariest of the bunch is the Spooky Train (60497). With this mean machine Commodore Schmidt and Baron Blomberg join forces to cause time-twisting terror! The ghost jumps up and down as the train moves, the skeleton spins on his observation platform and the chains rattle!

Every bit as spooky are Count Batford and the witch Flibble Bubble! This gruesome twosome hang out in an awesome land of castles, dragons and magic spells!

Flibble Bubble can take to the skies in her Dragonair (60377) flying boat and can see into new worlds with her crystal ball!



For keeping evil-doers under lock and key, there's Count Batford's Prison (60741). The jail cell can be removed from its carriage, and features bars that raise and lower for easy access.

SPOOKY in CRYSTAL CASTLE

Castle

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Count Batford and his Dragon (60027) are a hot team - watch out for the flames coming from those fiery jaws!

Flibble Bubble's Batista (60027) is designed to launch missiles at her enemies, so Count Batford had better stay in Flibble Bubble's good books!

But if things do get rough, there's always Count Batford's Kingdom (60027) for our hero to hide in! This giant castle is full of trap doors, secret passages and rotating walls to protect the magic book, hidden in Flibble Bubble's tower! The set comes with a free poster!

IT'S SPOOKY!

Step 2

Flip N' Build

THE DETECTIVE TEAM



INVESTIGATES

**MISSION: TO DISCOVER WHAT'S
NEW AT LEGOLAND WINDSOR
FOR 1997!!.....**

LEGOLAND
WINDSOR

We approached LEGOLAND Windsor disguised as regular LEGO SYSTEM figures. The LEGO chiefs would stop at nothing to keep their plans under wraps and we couldn't risk being discovered.



A LEGO mole (agent "U" in Wrexham) had told us there were some brilliant new rides planned, but even that didn't prepare us for what we were about to find.

First up was the new Sky Rider in the LEGOLAND Imagination Centre. We used a micro-camera to get these pics of the top secret plans before the robot guards could catch us, but we had to hijack a Sky Rider car to escape.

This fantastic pedal car ride took us on a tour of the Imagination Centre high above the ground. With plenty of buttons to press to make things happen, it was serious fun!

LEGO's plans include a massive LEGO TECHNIC dinosaur, due to be ready for action in May. This seven meter tall monster will NOT be friendly and passing Sky Rider passengers had better watch out it doesn't grab them! The dino has not yet been named, and there'll be a box for your suggestions at the next LEGO Club Weekend (see 'Club Events', below). You can also send name ideas in to Bricks 'n' Pieces!

We also observed LEGOLAND's new Space Tower, where intrepid test pilots were hoisting themselves up to inspect a huge UFO before 'abseiling' back to earth. We moved on before any aliens appeared!

After making sure the robot guards weren't on to us, we cooled off at Papa Moles ice cream parlour. To blend in with the LEGOLAND staff we had to sample the chocolate chip. Two portions each - essential!

LEGOLAND Windsor is clearly a high-tech operation - we took a look at the latest computer-controlled LEGO models being put through their paces in the DACTA Workshops!

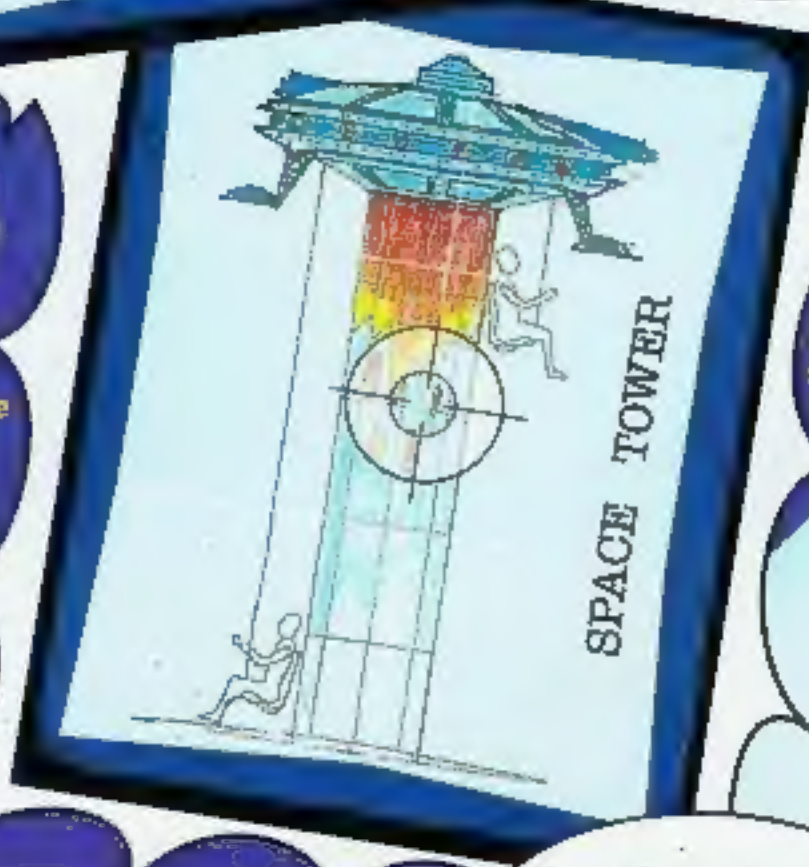
At the Imagination Theatre, the Brickbuilders' Fun House Jam concert was hotting up, but when we joined in with the songs, the spotlights turned on us and our cover was blown!

Our next mission will have to wait until LEGOLAND is officially open again!

LEGOLAND Windsor reopens on 21st March. For more info call the LEGOLAND Windsor hotline on 0990 040404

**CLUB
EVENTS
1997**

There's a special Weekend for LEGO Club members on 19th and 20th April. Anyone who was at the last Club Weekend will know some of the things to expect but we guarantee there'll be a whole bunch of surprises too!



*You Twit-ta-woo
you've stood on
my toe!*



...THIS IS THE BRICKS 'N' PIECES

DETECTIVE TEAM SIGNING OFF!!

NOT ALL DRAGONS ARE

THERE'S A DRAGON WHO
LIKES TO LIVE IN A TREE!

Dragons really do exist - but the real-life ones don't breathe fire like Batlord's and Hubble Bubble's pet sky-scorchers! If you fancy meeting some memorable monsters, join us as we look at some authentic and imaginary dragons from around the world!



KOMODO DRAGON

The most fierce dragons you could come across are giant lizards that live on a small group of Indonesian islands. These Komodo dragons as they are called grow to over three metres (about 10 feet) long and can easily devour large animals, like goats and pigs.

The famous book "The Hobbit", features a dragon called Smaug, who jealously guards a hoard of stolen treasure. Viking myths told how the Earth was surrounded by sea, under which lived a giant serpent who would rise up when the world ended.



THE WELSH DRAGON

A dragon we're used to seeing in Britain is the one on the Welsh flag. This famous creature is the red dragon of Cadwallader, Prince of Gwynedd. The green and white background represents the livery colours of the Welsh Prince Llewelyn.

IN EUROPE DRAGONS ARE NEARLY ALWAYS SHOWN AS FIERCE, DESTRUCTIVE CREATURES. BUT IN CHINA THEY SYMBOLISE SPRINGTIME AND NEW ENERGY. DURING CHINESE NEW YEAR CELEBRATIONS DANCERS PARADE THROUGH THE STREETS UNDERNEATH COLOURFUL PAPER OR CLOTH DRAGONS. EACH CREATURE'S LONG WINDING BODY CAN HAVE AS MANY AS 40 PEOPLE UNDERNEATH IT!

CHINESE DRAGON

The dragon lizard found in India, can glide from tree to tree with the help of a "parachute" of skin stretched between its long ribs! In fact, this small animal is also known as the flying lizard!

ORIGAMI DRAGON

ORIGAMI is the ancient Japanese art of paper folding and we've come up with this design for you to make an Origami dragon! To start, you need a perfectly square piece of paper.

NOW FOLLOW THESE INSTRUCTIONS.



1. Crease the paper diagonally along the dotted lines and open out again.

2. With a corner of the square facing you, fold the left top and bottom edges in to the middle to make a 'kite' shape.



3. Fold the right top and bottom edges into the middle to form a 'diamond' shape.



4. Unfold step three. (The creases formed by this fold will be used in the next step.)



5. Lift the top and bottom inside corners. As they lift, they should bring the top and bottom

FIRE BREATHING!

Flip N' Build

Step 2.1



He's got a fiery temper but he makes great toast!



Probably the best known dragon is the one killed by St George. There are several versions of the St George story and according to one, the creature was slain at a place called Dragon's Hill in Berkshire. There's still a bare patch on the hillside where nothing will grow because that's where the dragon's blood fell. Like all legends, nobody knows whether this is true or not!

ST GEORGE AND THE DRAGON

Many other myths and stories feature dragons. In the Old English poem "Beowulf" the hero, after whom the poem is named, kills a dragon but later dies of wounds from its poisonous fangs.



Dragonfly



DRAGONFLIES ARE STRIKING INSECTS THAT YOU MAY HAVE SEEN FLYING ABOVE RIVERS OR PONDS. THEY HAVE LONG, OFTEN COLOURFUL BODIES AND FOUR LARGE SEE-THROUGH WINGS. THESE CREATURES HUNT SMALLER FLIES, LIKE GNATS AND MOSQUITOES, WHICH THEY CATCH AS THEY FLY ALONG. THERE ARE ABOUT 5,000 SPECIES OF DRAGONFLY, INCLUDING ONE TYPE IN AUSTRALIA THAT IS SAID TO FLY AT SPEEDS OF NEARLY 60 MILES AN HOUR!

A FLAMING GOOD COMPETITION

We've got a scorcher of a competition with great prizes of Count Batford and Hubble Bubble sets and copies of the new hit video Dragonheart!



Each of our 10 winners will receive a copy of Dragonheart, and the other prizes are:

1st - 2 Count Batford's Kingdom sets (6097)

2nd - 3 Evil Mountain sets (6087)

Runners-up - 5 Count Batford and Dragon sets (6007)

The film Dragonheart is all about the last dragon, DRAGO, and his adventures with a brave knight, BOWEN, and peasant girl KARA. Together they fight to free the land from the grip of the evil KING EDWIN.

DRAGO was created by the same team that made the terrifyingly realistic dinosaurs for the film Jurassic Park, but even though he's 45 FEET LONG and able to BREATHE FIRE, Drago is wise and kind hearted. The story features loads of action, and is a fantastic thrill-packed adventure with BRILLIANT special effects!

LIKE DRAGO, THIS VIDEO IS HOT STUFF!

To enter our competition, you have to answer the question:

Where do Komodo dragons come from?

- A) INDONESIA
- B) HAWAII
- C) AUSTRALIA

(If you're stuck for the answer, check out our dragon info on the page opposite!)

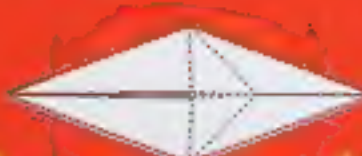
Send your answer on a postcard to LEGO Dragon's Competition, LEGO Club UK Ltd, Wrexham B15 7TQ.

Closing Date: 31st May 1997

Remember to put your name, age, address and LEGO Club membership number on your card!



right hand edges with them and form two points standing at right angles to the flat paper.



6. Fold the points made by lifting the corners down flat to the right.

7. Fold the shape in half lengthways. Now fold the points in half backwards so they rise above the long flat edge to form the wings.



8. Crease the left and right hand points along the dotted lines and then flatten these folds out again.

9. Carefully turn the creases you have just made 'inside out' to make the dragon's neck and tail. The shape will open into a 'diamond' as you do this but will return to the dragon shape as you press the folds.

Crease the top of the neck along the dotted line then flatten the fold out again.



10. Turn the fold 'inside out' to make the dragon's head.

NOW YOU'RE READY TO COLOUR IN YOUR DRAGON!



Hot Models!

Remember to include your name, address, age, membership number and model name. Sorry, pictures cannot be returned

Mas Build

Shiver me timbers! This dangerous looking pirate vessel was sent in by Benjamin Amon (8), from Bury St Edmunds!

We've got a really cool bunch of Builders. The range of ideas is totally more girls sending in pics! Well do shown here - you all win one of o It's a pity we can't show all the p ideas coming in, so keep c model must be all your

Seven-year old Michael Smith from Chopwell, Tyne and Wear, sent us this cool model of Dennis the Menace!

This high-flying radar aeroplane model was sent to us by 8-year-old Joshua Turner, from Sparkford, Yeovil.

Fiona Thompson, aged 7, from Birmingham, has sent us Merlin's science lab, complete with the wizard on a dragon!

Andrzej Slaszek (7) from Sheffield, built this great Land Rover, complete w side mirr

This giant Explorers Space Ship was created by Ben Wilson, who is 7, from Loddon in Norfolk.

SEND A PHOTO OF Y
Master Builder, LEGO Club, I

Master Builder Awards

Flip N' Build

Step 3

Models for this issue's Master Builder Awards are awesome and it's great to see all of you whose models are Master Builder Certificates. There are loads of great building! But remember, your work!



This brilliant rooftop swimming pool is from Sean Aris (8), of Edinburgh. Nice work, Sean!



Six-year-old Lauren Evans from Birmingham sent this fabulous LEGO palace, with some very friendly characters giving a wave!



Karl Roberts (8) from Isleworth, Middlesex sent us in a picture of his working roundabout, built for as a school project after he visited LEGOLAND, Windsor.



Jamie Richards (9) from Helston "cruised in" with his fantastic model of the liner QE2, featuring lifeboats, a swimming pool and its own tug boat!



Charles Tongue (9) from Cheltenham went "on location" to photograph this Police Desert Speeder and auto cannon!



Brothers Joseph and Sam Grist (aged 7 & 9) from London got together to build this cool Aquazone model, with its own mini-sub!



Alex Whitehead, aged 6 from Bury in Wharfedale, sent us a picture of his very detailed Treasure Island. Ahoy, there, Alex!

Magic Models
DON'T FORGET TO TAKE
SHARP, CLEAR PHOTOS
PLEASE!

LEGO MODEL TO:
LEGO UK, Wrexham LL13 7TQ

Quick Build

A MEDIEVAL CATAPULT

Follow these simple steps as a basic guide - but don't worry if your model looks different. With a little imagination, who knows what you can come up with.



HE HE HE! THIS MODEL IS JUST WHAT I NEED TO SCARE OFF HUBBLE BUBBLE!

Q. How do ghosts travel abroad?

A. British Scareways

Q. What skeleton was Emperor of France?

A. Napoleon Bone-apat



HERE ARE SOME FACTS ABOUT COUNT BATLORD'S BATT FRIENDS!

Britain's smallest bat is the pipistrelle, at just 5cm long.

Bats like to sleep in the daytime, and large groups of them
caves and even houses! They come out at night to

eat, roost in trees

Bats send out high-pitched squeals to judge distance and find their way. They tell where things are by the echo of the sound back to their sensitive ears.

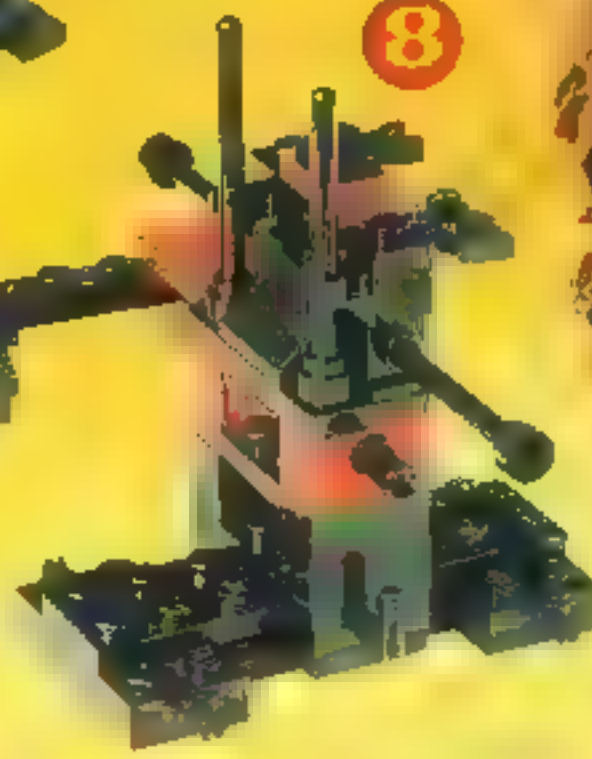
HA HA HAA!



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My crystal ball
tells me the
scheming Count
Batford is up to
no good! GRR!



STAND
CLEAR!



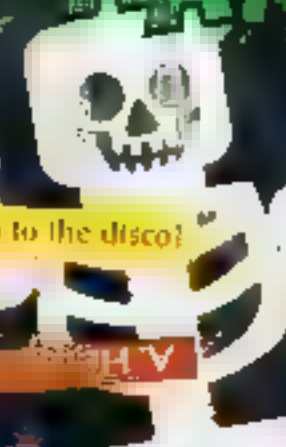
FIRE!

STAND
CLEAR!



HA
HA
HAA!

Q: Will you go to the disco?



Adventures OF THE LEGO TOWN RACERS

IT'S THE
FIRST ANNUAL
LEGO LAND
AND SEA
RACEORAMA.

RACERS,
START YOUR
WATER JETS!

SEE YOU LOSERS
AT THE FINISH
LINE! HA! HA!

HEY!

NOT
FAIR!

AND
THEY'RE
OFF!

WHOA!

TALK ABOUT
A RADICAL LOG
ROLL.

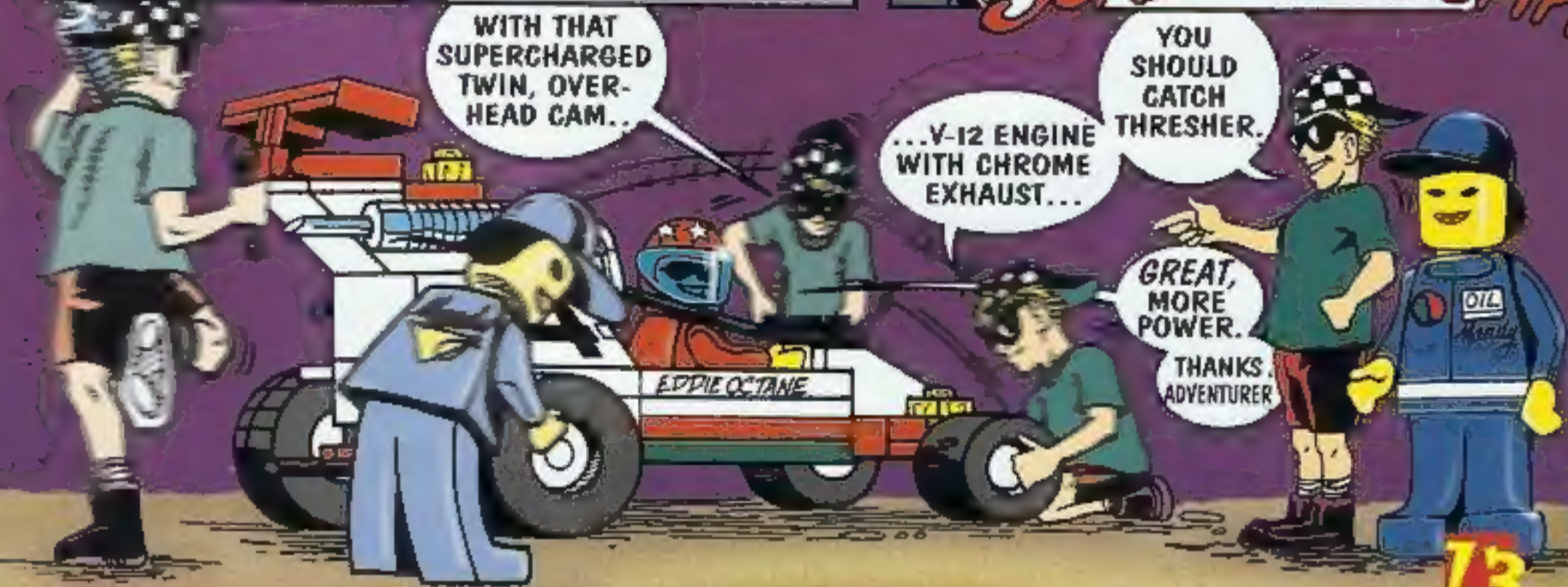
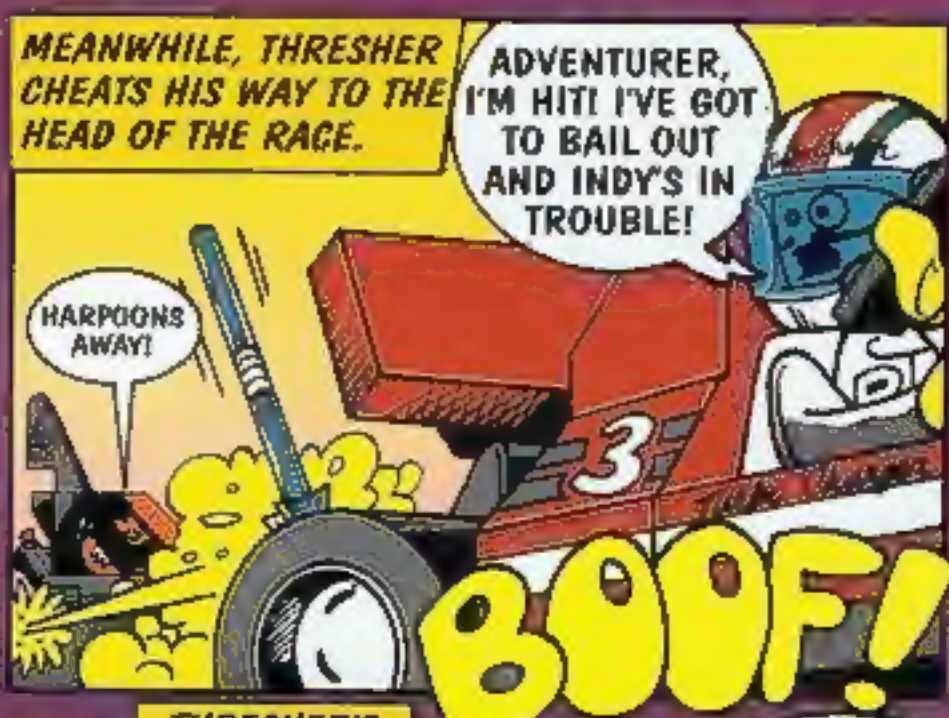
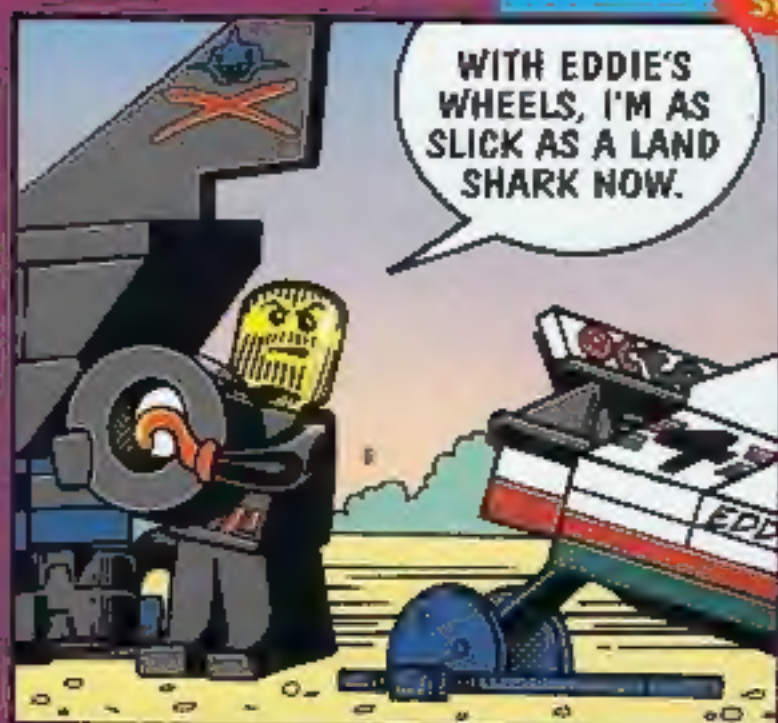
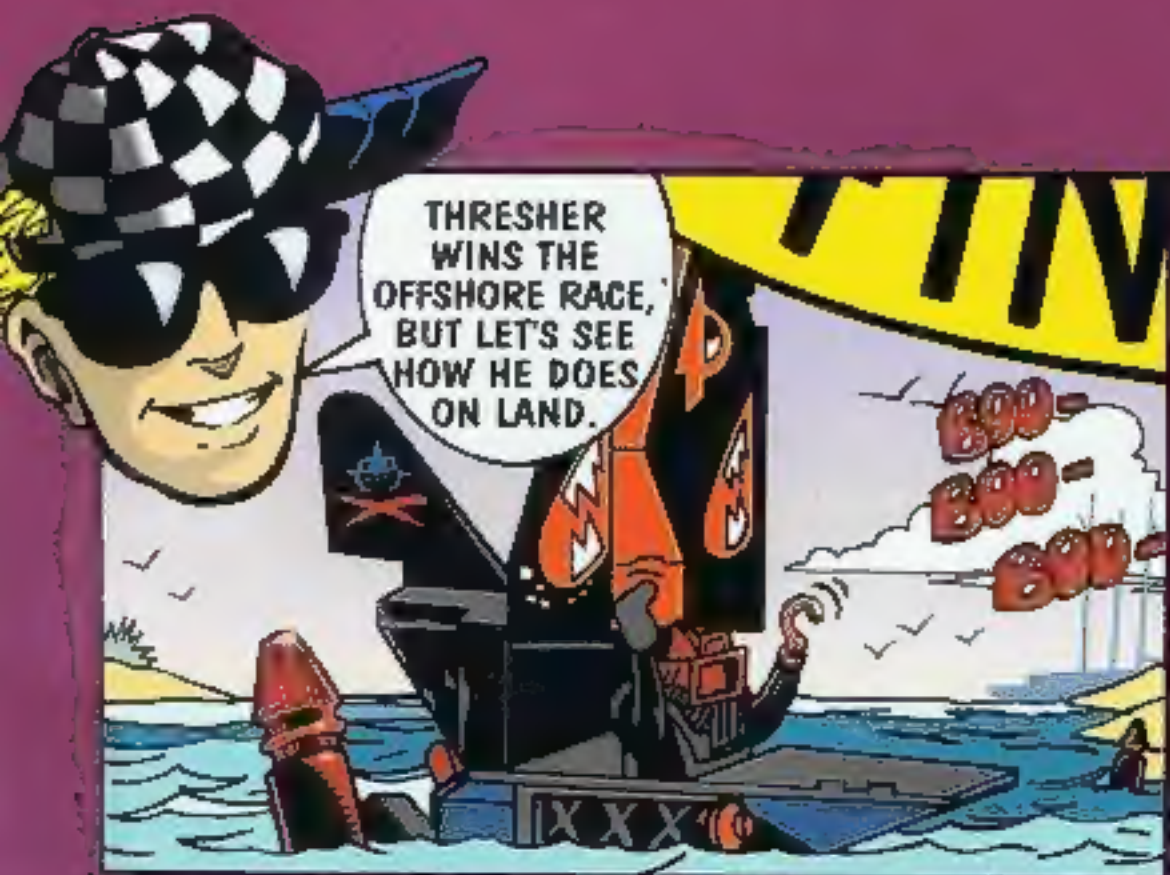
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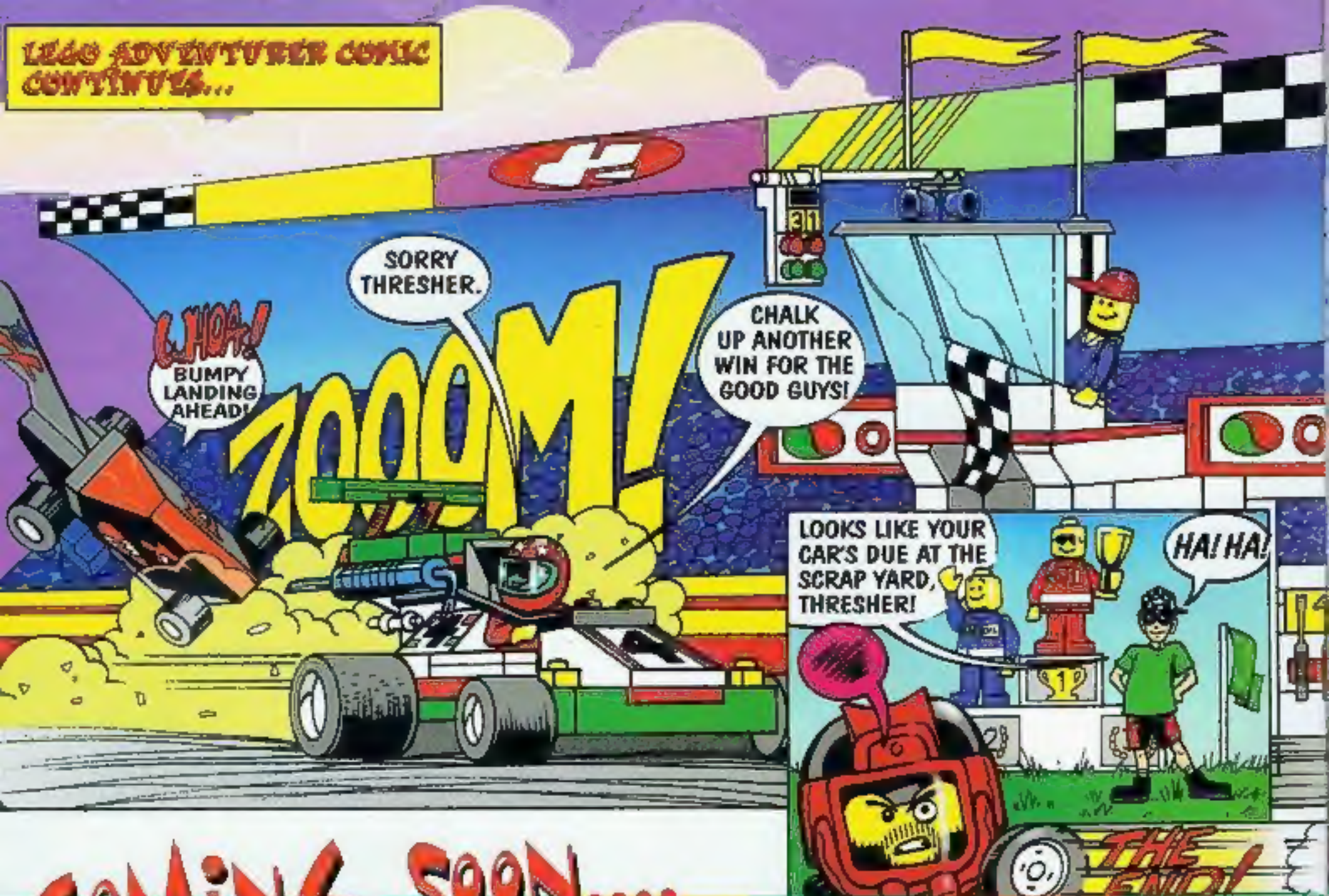
I'LL SHOW YOU
BEGINNERS
HOW IT'S DONE!

FINISH

HEY!
FOUL!

THRESHER
AND HIS AQUA
SHARK ARE
CHEATING.





COMING SOON.....

WE'VE GOT ALL SORTS OF FANTASTIC
OUT FEATURES COMING UP IN
THE NEXT BRICKS 'N' PIECES!

GET BUILDING QUICK WITH
THE LATEST FAST-ASSEMBLY
LEGO TOWN SETS.

CHECK UP ON OUR LATEST CLUB DAYS
LEGOLAND WINDSOR. WITH
LOTS OF PICS AND REVIEWS OF THE
SKY RIDER AND SPACE TOWER!

COMING THROUGH
YOUR LETTER BOX
SOON!

COMPETITION WINNERS FROM AUGUST ISSUE!

GOLD COMPETITION 1ST PRIZES

6769
FORT
APACHE
SET



Robbie White
of London
Aonghus O'Driscoll
of Cork
Sam and Toby Prout*
of Brockham

(*Sent in a joint entry and said
that they would share a prize!)

2ND PRIZES

6761 DIGGER'S GOLD MINE SETS
Chris Woodward of Hull
Thomas Hall of Rowton
Toby Goodger of Kettering
George Pitt of London
Tom Hole of Burford
Katherine Fawcett of Bramhall
Sarah Hinds of Fochabers
Alexander Cooper of Scarborough
Martin Strawson of Nettleham
Adam Connell of Stone

3RD PRIZES

6712 RUSTLER'S RETREAT SETS
James Stevenson of Edinburgh
Stephen Church of Malvern
Scott Parry of Cranleigh
David Reeves of Burntwood
Robert Mould of Ruislip
Robert Evans of Llangyfelach
Neil Williams of Blaenavon
Joseph Cripps of Salisbury
Kyle Brown of Newbury
Sean Arts of Edinburgh
Rebecca Giddings of St Helier
Jonathan McDonald of Co Antrim
Kiran Tolson of Shipley
Claire Winchcomb of Thames
William Usher of Carmarthen

TIME CRUISERS COMPETITION

Each win a 6494
LEGO SYSTEM
TIME CRUISER
Navigator 2025 set

Fergus O'Neill
of Derry
Thomas Gillett
of Peterborough
Simon Ford
of Bath
Kristen Lord
of Bury
James Crawshaw
of Aldershot

BUILD and CHANGE YOUR OWN WATCH



Flip N' Build

Step 6

Keep "on-time" with our **NEW SUPER-COOL** LEGO watch system!

We're giving LEGO Club members the **EXCLUSIVE** chance to get hold of one of these "build it how you want" watches before they're out in the shops!

If you're six years or over, you'll love the LEGO watch system which features a real working watch, plus a range of parts you can custom-build into different styles.

The starter set strap has cool clip together links in a crazy range of colours. As you grow, just add more links! and if you want a new look, it's easy to take them apart and make a new pattern!

In the master set, you get 4 extra straps with the links, plus changeable dials showing the 24-hour clock and international time zones. And if that wasn't enough, this smart machine also acts as a solar compass and a diver's watch!

With a toughened face glass and a body that's armoured with glass fibre, the LEGO watch system is built for action! It's also waterproof to a depth of 10 metres!

FOR DETAILS OF HOW TO ORDER YOUR OWN EXCLUSIVE LEGO WATCH SYSTEM, TURN TO THE LEGO CLUB SHOP PAGE

NOW!

LEGO WATCH SYSTEM
STARTER SET



LEGO figures not included.

LEGO WATCH SYSTEM
MASTER SET



LEGO figures not included.



LEGO CLUB

Club Shop

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SEE PAGE 15 FOR MORE INFO!

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total			

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 Club Shop, Wrexham LL13 7TQ
 cheque/postal order should be made payable to:
LEGO UK LIMITED or please charge my Access/Visa
 Credit card no. _____
 Expiry date _____
 Cardholders signature _____



Club Shop

Items

11003	Letter Pad	£1.60
11050	Pencil Case	£1.99
"IT'S SO HOT IT'S COOL" T-SHIRT		
10641	Size 5-6 years	£4.75
10642	Size 7-8 years	£4.99
10643	Size 9-11 years	£4.75
10644	Size 12-14 years (price includes VAT)	£5.50
11065	Explorers Keyring	£1.29 ✓
11066	Parker Rollerball Pen	£3.95
(+ 2 FREE Stick Pens with each purchase)		
11067	LEGO Pen	79p
11068	"TIGER" Keyring	£1.29 ✓
11069	"LION" Keyring	£1.29 ✓
11071	Pink LEGO Pencil	45p
11072	Multi-colour LEGO Cap	£1.95
11076	NEW LEGO Mug	£3.99
11077	LEGO WATCH SYSTEM (Master Set)	£32.99
11078	LEGO WATCH SYSTEM (Starter Set)	£24.99
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